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GOOD LETTER FROM THE TAR HEEL STATE.

HENDERSONVILLE, N. C., May 9.—We are now located at this place and thought I would write a short letter giving a description of country, &c., to friends at home. We are pleasantly situated at one of the nicest hotels in the city (Hotel Southern), and the view from our rooms is simply grand. I have been to more noted places, but this surpasses anything I have ever seen or even imagined. Nature has done much for this country in many respects. The climate is health-giving and when one breathes in this pure mountain air it makes him feel it is good to be here. The people are kind, sociable and refined.

The population of the town is 1,700; all energetic and progressive. Visitors are treated with a great deal of courtesy, which fact is proven by saying 2,000 people come here to spend the summer from the States further South.

Hendersonville is the county seat of Henderson; 22 miles from Asheville, on the Southern R. R., and 17 miles from Biltmore, the home of the money king, Vanderbilt. We find the people are up to date, nice churches, good schools and splendid stores. Business is not overdone here like it is in some places, but they all do well and have splendid trade. We are 2,200 feet above the level of the sea and it is very pleasant, especially at night, when in the very warmest weather you have to sleep under a blanket.

We went with a party to Flat Rock, three miles from here, sight seeing the other day and had a delightful drive over a smooth mountain road; visited many beautiful homes, among the number being the Memminger place, once owned by Memminger, Jefferson Davis' secretary of the treasury. It is a beautiful place, situated on a mountain about 200 feet high, with a pleasant drive to it, lined on each side with large white pines. The view is fine. You can see for 15 miles around. The house, though old, is very comfortable and provided with every convenience. The lawn is beautiful, a gradual slope covered with blue grass down to a lake, covering about six acres. We saw also a perfect sun dial, and when we looked to see if it was correct, found it exactly so. We also visited the Norton place, owned by the Nortons, of Louisville, a magnificent building of stone, three stories high and it would do credit to any city, but is located between mountains where you can be free from the noise and cares of a city life. Yesterday we went to Mt. Hebron. This was the grandest drive of all so far. We begin to ascend the mountain at the edge of town and travel five miles winding around the mountains until we are 3,150 feet above the level of the sea. There we found a tower 50 feet high where can be seen many points of interest miles away, including the noted French Broad Valley, through which runs the rapid French Broad river. The road, which is a splendid one, was made by Solomon Jones, who died a few days since and is buried on this mountain. He had his monument made and the inscription cut many years before he died, which reads: "Here lies Solomon Jones, the road maker. True patriot; he labored 50 years to leave the world better than he found it. Born Mar. 7, 1802; died April 23, 1899." A son lives at the home and everyone stops at the spring and buys a glass of fresh, rich milk and it is very fine. We stopped to look at the place this town gets its water, and it certainly is well supplied. The reservoir holds 80,000,000 gallons of water and the pressure is very great. They do not use engines or pumps for it is fed by the many mountain streams and is in the mountain 268 feet above the town. This is enough for this time, but when I visit the other noted places (and they are many) will write again. Among the visitors are Judge P. H. Sullivan, wife and daughter, Hon. J. A. Sullivan and John L. Baxter, of Richmond, Ky.; Judge Sullivan having come here for his health and is so well pleased expects to make this his home. If nothing happens I will start an ice plant here in 40 days and hope to make it pay. We regret to leave old Kentucky (and still think it the garden spot of the world), but health demanded it.

A. H. SEVERANCE.

Referring to Worthington's parson of a life term from Louisville, only after four years service, the Louisville Post says: Here is an evil that causes evil unmeasured. Here is one source of crime. Here is another incentive to mob violence. Here is another instance which shows law to be a mockery and justice an idle dream. Until the parson evil is eradicated, until justice will stand by their verdict, until punishment follows inevitably on crime, as consequence follows cause in the natural world, all the talk about mobs is mere idle mutterings against society's instinct of self preservation. The mob is bad, blind, often vicious, sometimes malicious, but the mob will remain until the legal system that pretends to follow crime with punishment is made to do what it pretends to do.

MT. VERNON.

Misses Annie Thompson and Mamie Jones will speak in the grand gold medal contest at Berea.

A valuable new vein of coal has been opened up at Pine Hill and coking ovens will be built there.

The town has a few good side walks now, next let us have street lamps. As it is we seem to love darkness better than light.

Drunkenness seems to be on the increase, as several were arrested recently for imbibing so freely as to become boisterous.

This county is stirred up on the subject of good roads. Messrs. G. C. Fish and Harry Blazer have issued a call to road owners to meet here May 20.

Messrs. Ed Cox, J. Boring, Willie and Charles Henderson, Charles Davis, Lee and George Porter and Tom Stewart enjoyed a week's fishing at Rockcastle river.

At the close of the commencement exercises at the college, Prof. Scroggs announced that his work terminated here. A number of prizes were awarded to the children.

The Signal says it will now receive news items by telephone. This is an excellent aid to the news gatherer, but the cave-dropper gets the news mixed up sometimes, as your correspondent can testify.

Miss Berda Martin is visiting in Virginia. Mrs. Charles Thompson and Miss Kate Spradlin are out from Louisville. Mrs. Gustafson has been quite ill. Mrs. J. W. Nesbitt has been spending a few days in Virginia.

R. A. Welsh has charge of the rock quarry at Tunnel No. 1. This belongs to Baker & White, and besides furnishing good ballast, affords excellent building stone. Mr. Welsh is a fine business man and we are glad to hear of his return.

MIDDLEBURG.

Bexev, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Zack Delk, is very sick.

Sheep shearing is over and corn planting is being rapidly pushed to a finish.

In nominating a candidate for the Legislature, the democrats should put their best foot foremost.

Hardin is decidedly the choice of the democracy hereabouts, though there are a few who are disposed to cast a Stone.

Owing to the rain Sunday, Rev. Joseph Montgomery did not preach at Turkey Knob school house as per appointment.

Miss Effie Godby has been employed to teach the school at Turkey Knob, Mrs. Rev. P. A. Gillum at Blue Valley near Leslie Carman's, Miss Lula Adams on Brush Creek, while Alvah Lucas has made sure his calling at Grove.

The Grove Sunday school ought to have been a success, for it had the "Lord" for its superintendent. At least a man by that name was at its head, but he has thrown up his job owing to the failure that seemed to have threatened his administration.

Soldier and Sailor Intelligence.

Gen. Gomez is urging Gov. Gen. Brooke to advocate a standing army of 15,000 Cubans. The project is not seriously considered.

But one regiment of volunteers is now in Cuba, and that will be brought home as soon as the 10th cavalry is landed at Santiago.

The First Nebraska, that went to the Philippines with 1,300 men, numbers but 375, and they ask to be relieved temporarily from duty.

Gen. Joe Wheeler was given a magnificent reception by the Confederate veterans at Charleston, and spoke in support of the expansion policy of the government.

"Clara Jane," said the returned soldier, whose heart was beating tumultuously, "you must pardon me if, in my confusion, I gave you the military salute when I came in."

"But you didn't, Oscar," shyly replied the maiden, who had formed a crude idea of the military salute from what she had read about Hobson.

BEWARE OF OINTMENTS FOR CATARRH THAT CONTAIN MERCURY.

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LANCASTER.

H. D. Harmon, who advertised so extensively for a wife, is now happily married.

Mrs. Louis Landram, Misses Altie and Bessie Marksbury went to Louisville Wednesday.

The Stone men are getting up a club here to promote and look after the interests of their favorite.

A number of our boys attended the K. P. convention at Danville Tuesday night and report a royal time.

The illustrated lecture by Dr. Kubota on Japanese customs Tuesday night, was entertaining and instructive.

Senator Thomas H. Hays, candidate for lieutenant governor, and Mr. C. B. Hill, candidate for secretary of State, were here Tuesday urging their claims for nomination.

The merchants talk of agreeing to close their stores at 7:30 in the evening during the summer months, and, as the protracted meeting begins next Sunday, such a move would be desirable now to enable proprietors and clerks to attend the meeting.

Mr. J. W. Flowers was here Monday and, being posted on railroads, gave some good reasons why our people should do all in their power to get the Southern Railroad. He referred to several towns which were made populous and prosperous by being so fortunate as to have two competing railroads.

F. S. Griffin, traveling freight agent for the L. & N. railway, met a committee, appointed by our commercial club, to confer in reference to rates. No changes were made, but he told the committee that if any discrepancy could be proved between the rates here and at other points, they would be so changed as to conform to each other.

As predicted, Dr. J. B. Owsley was here measuring his lots and talking of rebuilding the entire block. It will certainly pay him to do so, and he is well apprised of the fact. Our city council is arranging to have pavements laid where ever they are needed and a spirit of enterprise is manifested in everybody. Truly Lancaster has risen from the dead.

Rev. Ira Parton will go to Louisville today, Thursday, to attend the Baptist convention, which will consist of about 6,000 ministers. Dr. Shelton, of Stanford, will fill his pulpit at Fairview, next Sunday and administer the Lord's supper. Bro. Parton takes part with several of the fraternal orders here, and has made a host of friends.

Elder C. E. Powell will begin the protracted meeting at the Christian church next Sunday, and Eld. E. L. Powell, another eminent minister, of Louisville, will arrive here Monday night to assist him. The harvest is plentiful and it is hoped that much good will be done in bringing the people nearer together, and especially nearer to God.

Some leading democrats claim that a failure to instruct the Garrard delegation for Gen. Hardin would show a lack of gratitude and an utter absence of policy. They refer to occasions when Mercer county contributed liberally to our campaign fund and they assert that if we should fail to instruct for Hardin, we could not blame Mercer for ignoring any candidate that we might offer for Commonwealth's attorney, circuit judge or Congress. This matter of district courtesy has generally been observed, and it is the part of wisdom to adhere to it now.

Quite a crowd gathered on Tuesday to hear Senator Wm. Goebel. Senator Farris introduced him in complimentary terms, saying that, in his judgment, he would be the next governor of Kentucky. Mr. Goebel followed the same line of thought that was reported in the INTERIOR JOURNAL of Tuesday, referring to his speech at Stanford on Monday. He gave his views on State and National issues in a clear and forcible manner and made a good impression. He is clearly in line with the democratic party, in opposing trusts and monopolies and favoring the best interests of the people, in regulating freight rates and the price of books. He asserted that the election law was passed to prevent fraud, which had frequently been practiced by the republican party. His sarcastic allusions to Gen. Hardin's objection to making certain questions issues in the campaign, and his assertion that the cause of silver would go down with him if he should be defeated, called out much applause.

THE APPETITE OF A GOAT

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It is said at Hamburg that at least 50,000 Galicians are on their way to America, having been driven from their own country by famine and oppression. They are a very undesirable class of immigrants.

John McGrath was run over and killed by a wagon at Paducah.

NEWS OF THE VICINAGE.

M. V. Roark is dead at Lawrenceburg.

At Lebanon 44 insurance companies caught indictments.

The Broadhead Roller Mills will be sold at auction on the 29th.

Barbourville is to have another bank. Joseph Miller and sons will open it.

The Madison county fiscal court donated \$600 to the Patti A. Clay Infirmary.

Theodore Johnson shot and killed Brantley Hays in Leslie county over some logs.

Levi H. Davis has been appointed postmaster at Lowell, vice J. M. Metcalf, removed.

The new company at Barbourville has been named "The Black Rifles," in honor of James D. Black.

Millard Aaron, charged with detaining Miss Alice Strezels, of Adair, waived his examining trial.

Lieut. J. J. Colgan and Jerry Jarnigan engaged in a bloodless duel at Middlesboro. The latter's horse was killed. Joshua Boreing, of Rockcastle, has taken the bankrupt law, stating his liabilities at \$750 and his assets at \$800.

Mrs. Julia Ross, of Kirksville, who kept tab, tells the Richmond Register that there were 40 snows from Oct. 31 to April 10 last.

Garrard county's farming lands were increased 10 per cent. and Madison's one per cent. There was no raise in the assessment of town lots.

The Marion circuit court is still monkeying with the L. & N. Another verdict for \$2,000 for discrimination in rates has been returned against it.

The Somerset water company is furnishing water in "spurts and starts," these days, and, when we do get it, it is awfully muddy sometimes.—Paragon.

A large stock barn at "Harry Wilkes" race track, at Waco, Madison county, blew down, killing several hogs and a number of horses. Hall as large as hen eggs fell.

The fiscal court of Madison agreed to accept Dr. J. W. Scudder's offer to act as physician at the poor-house without compensation. The county gives him \$50 to buy drugs.

Judge P. H. Sullivan, of the Madison county court, died at Asheville, N. C., where he had gone for the benefit of his health. He was a brother of J. A. Sullivan, the well-known attorney of Richmond. A wife and daughter survive.

Mrs. Nancy Powell, relict of William Powell, formerly of the West End, died at Bowling Green yesterday of heart disease, aged 73. She was the mother of Mrs. John B. Rout, of Hustonville, and a splendid woman. The remains will be interred at Hustonville at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Contractor W. G. Roney is at work on the foundation for the chapel addition to the First Presbyterian church. The congregation of the Green street Baptist church, colored, of which Rev. J. E. Woods is pastor, will some time in the near future, begin the erection of a new church building to cost about \$8,000.—Advocate.

The ladies of the Boonesborough chapter of the D. A. R., and other ladies of the county, assisted by their husbands and the prominent stockmen and horsemen of the county, will give a fair June 1 and 2 at the Richmond fair grounds, the proceeds to go towards the erection of the proposed Boonesborough monument.

All the prisoners in the Fayette county jail have been ordered to the pesthouse and the jail fumigated, repainted and thoroughly cleaned. Among the prisoners are ex-Magistrate McNamara, under three years' sentence to the penitentiary. This action was made necessary by the small-pox existing in the jail.

Acting Gov. Worthington pardoned Briggs Caldwell, of Allen county, charged with murder. At his trial a hung jury resulted. The trial judge recommended a pardon, stating that there was little probability that a jury could be secured that could make a verdict.

After seven months of mystery the body of Richard Miller was found near Battle Creek, Mich., under a small covering of sand. The body was located by an old woman, who dreamed of his whereabouts and found the place indicated in her dream without difficulty.

A combination of all the flour corporations at the head of the lakes and at New York, Buffalo, and Syracuse is said to have been effected, with a proposed capitalization of \$40,000,000.

Seventy-five masked men searched the Lebanon, Tenn., jail to mob Ewing Hodge, a colored would-be murderer, but their intended victim had already been sent to the penitentiary.

In a transport of enthusiasm Gen. Gordon embraced Mrs. Stonewall Jackson before the Confederates at Charleston, and all the old Johnny Rebs had a regular jag of joy.

Two trains were required to carry the floral tributes to the funeral of Mrs. Whitney.

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